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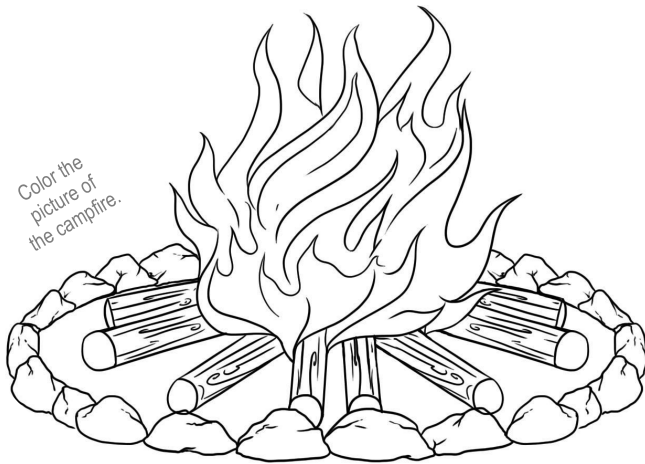
# Kidz Newz

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## "SUMMER FUN"



**-DETECTIVE SKILLZ-**  
*Why does fire have different colors?*

"Summer Fun! A-O.K. Summer fun!" All Betsy had heard for weeks was how much fun she would have at summer camp, but as far as she was concerned, there was no such thing as fun -- summer, winter, or any other kind. Betsy was miserable!

Her thoughts were steaming! Sure she had been swimming at camp. So what! She had a pool in her own backyard at home. She had worked on many craft projects. So? She could have bought supplies at the hobby shop and worked on them in the comfort of her own air-conditioned room, thank you, away from the heat and all these crummy kids. That was it! What really bugged her were the other kids! Oh, they were nice enough. In fact, everyone seemed to think they were great--rattling off Bible memory verses, singing choruses and hymns with such heart it made her ears ring and cooperating with counselors like soldiers. She couldn't figure it out! Betsy grumpily followed the camp rules, but she did it without a hint of a smile. She was not and would not be a fake!

Contests, swim meets, ball games, nature hikes, swim nights, and mountains of delicious food -- for Betsy all the summer fun of camp was ruined by mandatory devotions, chapels, singing and preaching services. To Betsy it seemed endless, non-stop, every hour on

the hour, around the clock. "If Mother EVER comes to take me home, you'll NEVER get me back to a place like this again!" Betsy blurted bitterly.

"Well, it's not that bad, is it?" answered Margo. "I like it here. I came as a camper two or three years, and now that I attend a Christian college, I get to come help as a counselor."

"Huh, everybody is alike. You're all one way, and you expect everybody to be just like you, You're like clones!"

"No, Betsy," Margo replied in a gentle voice, "we don't expect everyone to be like us, but we do want everyone to believe the truth of God's Word. We do want everyone to be saved by trusting the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior."

"But I--I have a right to do what I want! I have a right to choose my own way," Betsy insisted.

"Yes, indeed you do. Man was created by God and in the image of God, and was given a free will to make choices. Jesus said, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me' (John 14:6). According to His own Word, Jesus Christ is the only way of salvation. Man must accept truth or face eternal consequences. 'The wages of sin is death' (Romans 6:23)."

Betsy's forehead wrinkled as she considered Margo's answer and then asked, "But why--WHY does everything always have to be God's way?"

"Simply because He is God. Yet it is wonderful that though we have sinned against Him, God, through the sacrifice of His Son, provided a way of salvation for lost, sinful man. It would be the height of ingratitude, pride, and rebellion for any man to reject that grace, mercy, and love."



"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

John 14:6

*Be sure to take your vitamins and say your Vita-Verse every day!*

"I never thought of it like that." Betsy slumped on her bunk. Do you really mean that I am a sinner?"

"Oh, yes, my dear. You were born with a sinful nature. This resentment against God, the Bible, and Christians here at camp is an evidence of sin. But that's Biblical, too. Isaiah said, 'All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way' (Isaiah 53:6)."

Betsy sat stunned. Her heart seemed to hurt physically as she considered all she had heard. Yes, she was a sinner. Yes, she needed to be saved. The admission came slowly and so did the tears. But what would her family and friends think if she got saved? Would they think she was a fake? Quietly there in the cabin beside her bunk, Betsy made up her mind, bowed her head to ask the Lord Jesus to forgive her sins, and she surrendered her stubborn will to Him.

That night around the cheerful campfire, the singing seemed to have a special ring. For the first time, the testimonies made sense, and before the fire burned low, Betsy found herself standing up and thanking the Lord openly for saving her that day and for bringing her to the camp where she learned of His love.

"And I never thought much of clones," she added, "but if I could be like Jesus, that would be--well, that would be 'A--O.K!'!"

(From *Wally the Wallaby & Other Short Stories* by "Aunt Carolyn")



## KIDZ PUZZLE POWER

After refusing to worship a golden idol of King Nebuchadnezzar, three young men were thrown into a red hot fiery furnace. Amazingly not a single hair on their bodies was burned!

Can you find their names in the Bible?

(Hint: Read Daniel 1)



START

Read Daniel 3:17-18, then use a pencil to follow the men through the maze into the fiery furnace.



## Kidz Kritter Korner

*"Stand still, and consider the wondrous works of God (Job 37:14)."*

### MASTER OF DISGUISE

Soldiers wear mingled green and brown colored uniforms to hide from the enemy. Hunters wear similar clothes to hide from wary game. Camouflage suits are for protection and cover.

God created the master of camouflage, the CHAMELEON. Maybe this lizard gave the army the idea for camouflage clothes! He can change the color of his "uniform" to match his location. In green grass he turns green; on brown branches he turns brown; and sometimes he is a wonderful mixture of both. He is almost invisible. He is protected from his enemies, but he can sneak up on his prey. A chameleon may be big or quite small, but he is always very fast, especially his tongue! It is as long as his head and body together! He waits silently for his prey. When an insect comes along, he flicks out that long, sticky tongue, and "Zap!" the bug is a goner! The chameleon is good at guard duty. He can spot prey from any direction, because his eyes roll around on swivels. His eyes also move separately so he can look in different directions at the same time. He has a prehensile tail. (How do you like that word?) He can grip and wrap it around a branch, keep his balance, and hold fast!

Mr. Chameleon is perfect for his life, but God does not want Christians to be fickle and changeable. We are not to change our talk, looks, or actions to please those around us. God wants us to do right no matter who sees or what they think. He wants us to stand up for Him and for His Word. Jesus did not give in when He was persecuted. He "endured the shame" of the cross for us; let us not be ashamed of Him! "Stand fast!" urged Paul. "Endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ (II Tim. 2:3)."